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**Ms. Christian Hicks**  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. CHAIR REMARKS**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- D. 10:10 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE: Joint Appointment to the Neighborhood Improvement Plan Advisory Board. (Wendell Byrd)**

- E. **10:30 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE:** Joint Appointment to the Neighborhood Improvement Plan Advisory Board. **(Herasanna Richards)**
- F. **10:50 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE:** Appointment to the City Planning Commission. **(Gwen Lewis)**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Status of the **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Groesbeck RX LLC (Ronald Cross) v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-158838-GC, File No. L20-00582 (SVD). A20000 in the amount of **\$7,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Groesbeck RX Pharmacy may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of treatment provided as a result of alleged injuries sustained by Ronald Cross. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-24-21)**
2. Status of the **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Margaret Workman v Lakenya Hill and City of Detroit; Case No. 19-001063-NI, File No. 19-00050 (PP), A20000, in the amount of **\$11,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Margaret Workman and American Center for Pain Management may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-24-21)**
3. Status of **Law Department** submitting a Privileged and Confidential Memorandum regarding Corrective Actions Taken for Employees/Defendants in Civil Lawsuits. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-24-21)**
4. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Donovan Jones v. Officer Gentry Shelby and Officer Marcus Ways; Civil Action Case No. 20-11435 for Sgt. Marcus Ways. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-24-21)**
5. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Donovan Jones v Shelby Gentry and Marcus Ways; Civil Action Case No. 20-11435 for Det. Shelby Gentry. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 2-24-21)**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **LAW DEPARTMENT**

6. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of American Center for Pain Management vs City of Detroit; Case No. 20-143350, File No. L20-00096 (MA) A20000, in the amount of **\$8,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which American Center for Pain Management may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**

7. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Central Home Health Care Services v City of Detroit; Case No. 19-180800, File No. L19-00955 (MA) A20000, in the amount of **\$3,200.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Central Home Health Care Services may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
8. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Prime Rehabilitation (Jesse Walton) v City of Detroit; Case No.20-156836-GC, File No. L20-00580, (CLR) A20000, in the amount of **\$15,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Prime Rehabilitation Services, Inc. may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
9. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Verdis Rafael Gatewood v City of Detroit-Department of Transportation; Case No 19-003876-NI, File No. L19-00202 (TO) A20000 in the amount of **\$31,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Verdis R. Gatewood may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
10. Submitting reso. autho. **Acceptance of Case Evaluation Award** in lawsuit of Darnell Tate v City of Detroit, et al.; Case No. 19-014973, File No. L19-00856 (YRB) A24000, On February 18, 2021, a case evaluation panel evaluated the above-captioned lawsuit and awarded a total of **\$87,250.00** in favor of the plaintiff. The parties have until March 18, 2021, to either accept or reject the case evaluation. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
11. Submitting reso. autho. **Acceptance of Case Evaluation Award** in lawsuit of Jenea Grier v Sharon McClure, et al.; Case No. 19-015558-NZ, File No. L19-00933 (YRB), On February 19, 2021 a case evaluation panel evaluated the above-captioned lawsuit and awarded **\$6,000.00** in favor of the plaintiff. The parties have until March 21, 2021, to either accept or reject the case evaluation. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
12. Submitting reso. autho. **Acceptance of Case Evaluation Award** in lawsuit of C-Spine Orthopedics PLLC v City of Detroit; Case No. 19-015881-NI, File No. L19-00898 (CLR) A20000, On February 17, 2020 a case evaluation panel evaluated the above-captioned lawsuit and awarded **\$90,000.00** in favor of the plaintiff. The parties have until March 17, 2020, to either accept or reject the case evaluation. Failure to file a written acceptance or rejection within this period constitutes a rejection. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
13. Submitting reso. autho. **Order of Dismissal to Enter into Agreement** in lawsuit of Chiquita Ellis v City Of Detroit; Case No. 17-015503-NO, File No. L17-00754 (SVD) A19000, Upon certification by the Law Department that the arbitrators have announced

a decision requiring the City to pay part or all **\$75,000.00** to the Plaintiff, in favor of Chiquita Tamika Ellis and her attorney, Drew Slager, in the amount of the arbitrators' award, but said draft may not be less than Zero Dollars \$0.00 and shall not exceed \$75,000.00. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**

14. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Kavona Jordan & Antoine Jones v Allen Williams; Civil Action Case No. 20-002239-NI for Cpl. Allen Williams. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
15. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Darnell Tate v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 19-014973-NI for EMT Chase Skorczewski. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
16. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Deborah Sherrod-Lugo v Family Dollar Store Inc et al.; Civil Action Case No. 20-005497-NO for Sgt. Daniel Austin. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
17. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Deborah Sherrod-Lugo v Family Dollar Store et al; Civil Action Case No. 20-005497-NO for Sgt. Monica Verduco. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
18. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Alex Malone et al. v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 20-005837-NI for TEO Delano Smith. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
19. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Sgt. Harold Lewis. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
20. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Sgt. Ransom Williams. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**
21. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Sgt. Shaun Dunning. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**

22. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Ephrim Talison v City of Detroit et al.; Civil Action Case No. 18-13087 for Lt. Willie Duncan. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**

#### **LEGISLATIVE POLICY DIVISION**

23. Submitting report relative to Privileged and Confidential, Attorney-Client Communication: Information to City Council Regarding Corrective Actions Taken for Employees/Defendants in Civil Litigation; Response to Law Department Opinion. **(In response to a request by Council Member Castañeda-López, the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) issued a privileged and confidential response to the Law Department's January 21, 2021, privileged and confidential opinion, entitled Information to City Council regarding Corrective Actions Taken for Employees/Defendants in Civil Lawsuits.) (REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

24. **Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr.** submitting memorandum relative to questions regarding lawsuits involving DDOT Accidents. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 3-3-21)**

#### **G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. General
- b. Member Reports